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C O N F I D E N T I A L JAKARTA 11487

E.O. 11652: ORS

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SUBJECT: ASEAN REPLY TO JAPAN OVER SYNTHETIC RUBBER

REF: TOKYO 11552

SUMMARY. JAPANESE EMBASSY JAKARTA RECEIVED ON  
SEPTEMBER 25 ASEAN AIDE MEMOIRE REPLYING TO GOI AIDE  
MEMOIRE RE DEVELOPMENT JAPANESE SYNTHETIC RUBBER (REFTEL.  
THERE NOW APPEARS TO BE A GOOD LIKELIHOOD OF A MEETING  
ON SUBJECT BETWEEN JAPANESE AND ASEAN REPRESENTATIVES  
IN JAKARTA BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR. END SUMMARY.

1. JAPANESE EMBASSY OFFICER (KUBOTA) TODAY SHOWED  
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EMBOFF AIDE MEMOIRE FROM ASEAN TO GOUJ ON SYNTHETIC

RUBBER QUESTION. AIDE MEMOIRE, WHICH DRAFTED AUGUST 28 IN MANILA, WAS TRANSMITTED TO JAPANESE AMBASSADOR TANAKA SEPTEMBER 25 UNDER COVER OF LETTER FROM FOREIGN MINISTER MALIK ACTING IN HIS CAPACITY AS CHAIRMAN OF ASEAN STANDING COMMITTEE (WHICH MET IN JAKARTA SEPTEMBER 20). AS EXPECTED, ASEAN AIDE MEMOIRE WELCOMED GOJ WILLINGNESS TO HOLD DIALOGUE ON QUESTION, NOTING THAT TALKS SHOULD BE "EXCLUSIVELY" BETWEEN ASEAN AND GOJ. KUBOTA STATED THEY A BIT PUZZLED BY MEANING OF "EXCLUSIVELY" SINCE GOJ NEVER INTENDED THAT TALKS INCLUDE MORE THAN ASEAN AND JAPANESE.

2. ALTHOUGH GOJ HAD PROPOSED TOKYO AS SITE OF MEETING, WHEN INDONESIA'S ASEAN SECGEN UMARJADI MADE IT CLEAR THAT ASEAN WISHES TALKS TO BE HELD IN ASEAN CAPITAL, JAPANESE ACQUIESCED WITHOUT FURTHER COMMENT. SINGAPORE LOOKED LIKE THE FIRST CHOICE FOR THE LOCATION, BUT ULTIMATELY JAKWNTA WAS DECIDED UPON, KUBOTA ADDED.

3. ASEAN AIDE MEMOIRE ASKED THAT TALKS BE HELD AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND GOJ HOPES THAT ARRANGEMENTSH-, ?3 MADE FOR MEETING IN JAKARTA BEFORE END OF 1973. THE GOJ, WHICH STILL BELIEVES THE PROBLEM IS NOT A VERY REAL ONE, HAS NOT YET DECIDED UPON THE TYPE OF DELEGATION IT WILL FIELD, KUBOTA NOTED, ADDING THAT CERTAINLY MITI AND INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES WOULD BE INCLUDED. AS THE JAPANESE HAVE PROBED THE SYNTHETIC RUBBER QUESTION, THEY HAVE COME TO THE OPINION THAT MALAYSIA IS THE ONLY ASEAN COUNTRY REALLY CONCERNED, WITH THAILAND AND INDONESIA HAVING SOME MINOR INTEREST AND THE PHILIPPINES AND SINGAPORE NONE AT ALL, KUBOTA CONCLUDED.  
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